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Resource access/return system

**Abstract**

The present disclosure relates to an access/return system with which a user can be permitted to temporarily use a resource. In particular, the system can be used for receiving user identity information with an identity confirmation device of the resource, confirming the identity of the user with a security device of the resource, providing the user with access to the resource, monitoring and recording information about use of the resource with a monitoring system of the resource, reacquiring the resource from the user, and obtaining resource use information from the resource monitoring system of the resource.

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